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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the automatic acquisition of citizenship by certain Amerasians.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. HONDA, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. FARR, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. EMANUEL, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the automatic acquisition of citizenship by certain Amerasians.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Amerasian Naturaliza-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTOMATIC ACQUISITION OF CITIZENSHIP FOR**
2 **CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS BORN IN KOREA,**
3 **VIETNAM, LAOS, KAMPUCHEA, OR THAILAND.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Immigration and
5 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) is amended by
6 inserting after section 320 (8 U.S.C. 1431) the following:

7 “CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS BORN IN KOREA, VIETNAM, LAOS,
8 KAMPUCHEA, OR THAILAND; CONDITIONS UNDER
9 WHICH CITIZENSHIP AUTOMATICALLY ACQUIRED

10 “SEC. 321. A person automatically becomes a citizen
11 of the United States when the person is an alien lawfully
12 admitted to the United States, and residing in the United
13 States, having been issued an immigrant visa—

14 “(1) pursuant to a classification petition ap-
15 proved under section 204(f); or

16 “(2) under section 584 of the Foreign Oper-
17 ations, Export Financing, and Related Programs
18 Appropriations Act, 1988 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note), if
19 the person was considered a principal alien pursuant
20 to subsection (b)(1)(A) of such section.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
22 of the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by in-
23 serting after the item relating to section 320 the following
24 new item:

“Sec. 321. Certain immigrants born in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea, or
Thailand; conditions under which citizenship is automatically
acquired.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect 120 days after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act and shall apply to individuals
4 who satisfy the requirements of section 321 of the Immi-
5 gration and Nationality Act (as added by subsection (a))
6 before, on, or after such date.

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